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## CSU Monterey Bay Experiences Growing Pains

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Crowded parking lots, classrooms teeming with students, and overflowing residence halls may be something new to returning student at CSU Monterey Bay (CSUMB) who have watched the campus slowly transform.

With an estimated 4,150 students enrolled this fall, CSUMB has reached the highest enrollment in its 14-year history. An estimated 880 freshman are among those who have moved onto campus.

Director of Student Housing and Residential Life Don Yackley said that Main Campus anticipated 1,711 students to move into the Residence Halls and North Quad, and that throughout the summer there were waiting lists for students to get into main campus housing. As of Aug. 28, only 12 people remained on the waiting list without housing.

With the Residence Halls at maximum capacity, the Office of Student Housing and Residential life has been working to accommodate some 60 percent of students utilizing campus housing. In buildings 208, 210 and 211, the second and third floor lobbies, complete with full kitchen, were converted into quad rooms, creating space for an additional 24 students.

CSUMB prides itself on its small class sizes, which provide more opportunities for students to get to know their teachers and classmates. However, high enrollment results in larger class sizes and fewer opportunities to interact on a more personal level.

CSUMB uses an outcome-based learning system, which provides ample opportunity for students to collaborate with each other on projects and presentations. Consequently, the more students interacting in a particular class, the more ideas, beliefs and opinions are presented.

As time moves on and the campus continues to grow, some students will wonder what the future will look like for CSUMB. The original master plan enables the university to continue its growth and ultimately sustain a campus with approximately 25,000 full-time equivalent students at full build-out by the year 2030. But it was revised in 2007 to accommodate a slower growth rate, resulting in an anticipated 8,500 students by the year 2025.

The expected growth of the CSUMB community results in even less space in campus housing bringing forth more housing dilemmas, however, the master plan also addresses plans for transformation of old buildings, as well as the construction of new.



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# Service Learning Continues to Gain Recognition

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Acts of service often go unnoticed. However, this is not the case for CSU Monterey Bay (CSUMB)'s Service Learning program. For the fifth consecutive year, the editors of U.S. News and World Report have recognized CSUMB. In the magazine's 2008 edition of America's Best Colleges, the Service Learning program is listed among the top programs in the country, and is one of only 10 public schools in the ranking.

CSUMB also earned a top ranking among liberal arts colleges in the category of racial diversity, with 28 percent of students identifying themselves as Hispanic.

The prestigious listing is based on nominations submitted by college presidents, chief academic officers, and deans from schools around the country. The list includes "programs to look for," which are "outstanding examples of academic programs that are linked to student success." The continued recognition of the program during the past five years has encouraged other universities nationwide to examine their

graduation requirements and incorporate community service into the curriculum.

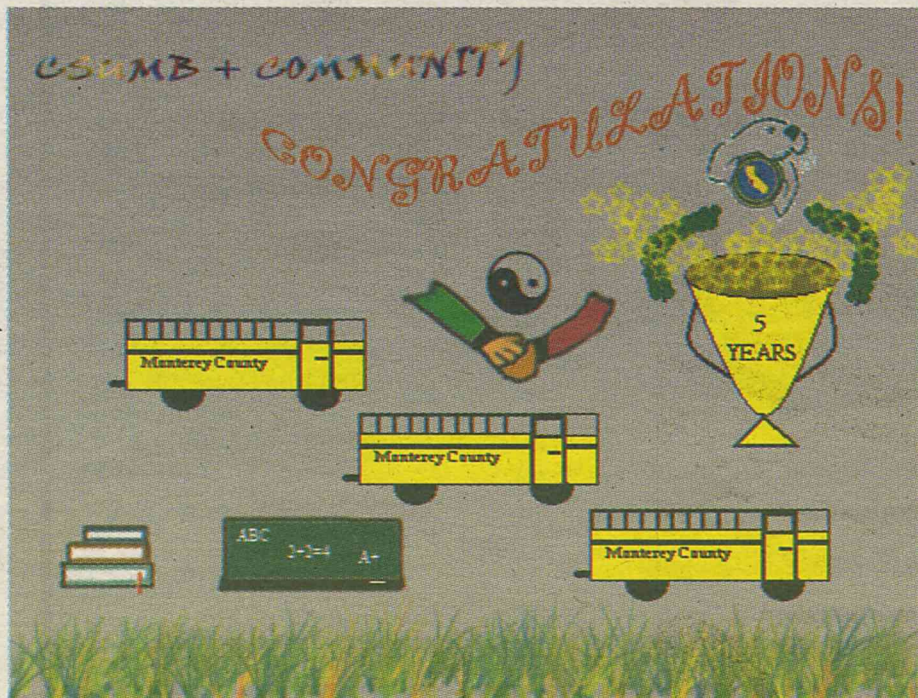
Service Learning is a distinctive component of CSUMB's notable academic system. Working with hundreds of community organizations, the Service Learning Institute uses service to foster and promote social justice on a local level. When CSUMB was founded in 1994, a unique approach to undergraduate education emerged. Educational planners were able to design the school's curriculum around specific skills and areas of knowledge that they believed all graduates would need.

CSUMB students have at least two opportunities to be involved in community service learning. A lower-division University Learning Requirements incorporates introductory curriculum with service hours related to a wide variety of social justice issues. More than 40 lower division service

learning experiences are offered each semester, addressing a variety of learning outcomes. An upper-division service learning requirement provides a major-focused service learning experience.

Like all CSUMB requirements, service learning is outcome-based and incorporates the values of multiculturalism and ethical reflection. Students contribute thousands of hours of service in the community each year. Helping local organizations meet their needs while learning firsthand about how social problems relate to what they learn in the classroom. Each community site provides a unique learning experience and opportunity for growth.

Even after graduation, students can apply service perspectives to their careers and choices. The experience gained through Service Learning aids graduates in achieving success.



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## Students are on the go with CSUMB Shuttle

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Don't get stuck on campus. This semester take advantage of the amazing new shuttle service that has everyone talking. As of early Jan. 2008, the Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) began offering a new shuttle service called the Go Shuttle, which takes CSU Monterey Bay (CSUMB) students and faculty to several new locations. The closest, and perhaps the most appealing are locations at the Dunes Shopping Center in Marina, as well as Del Monte Shopping Center in Monterey, and Alvarado Street in Downtown Monterey.

"The shuttle route was designed by TAPS Student Affairs and Associated Students Union," said Lieutenant Jay McTaggart of the University Police Department. "This is the first semester the Go Shuttle is being funded through the student fee committee and not through the student retention fund, making it a well-funded project."

While under development, the shuttle service was being funded through the student retention fund. Having proved its worth and popularity, it is now sponsored by a fund set up specifically for student affairs.

"The new downtown shuttle offers me the chance to save money and drink responsibly at the same time," said Adam Holguin, a senior and Social Behavioral Science major.

Many students are taking the opportunity to use the campus shuttle service both for their own economic benefit and to lower the emissions of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

The Go Shuttle also offers students and faculty a great opportunity to get out and explore more of the Monterey Bay area. The service operates every Friday and

Saturday from 4 p.m. until 1 a.m. and also on Sundays from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m.

The shuttle service is open to all CSUMB students as well as faculty. With 18 different stops across campus as well as East Campus Housing, the shuttle is a widespread vehicle for campus travel.

During the fall and spring semesters, the shuttle runs every

15 minutes. During the winter and summer holidays, the shuttle operates every 30 minutes. You can pick up a copy of the shuttle guide at the (TAPS) office or on any shuttle vehicle. For more information, call the TAPS office at (831) 582-3573.



### CSUMB Go SCHEDULE—FRIDAYS and SATURDAYS

| UPD     | P12                | Antietam           | Saratoga           | The Dunes | UPD/NQ | Cinema <sup>2</sup> | PF Chang's | Portola Pl | UPD   |
|---------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------|---------------------|------------|------------|-------|
| 4:00PM  | 4:02               | 4:07               | 4:10               | 4:16      | 4:19   | 4:35                | 4:39       | 4:48       | 5:05  |
| 5:10    | 5:12               | 5:17               | 5:20               | 5:26      | 5:29   | 5:45                | 5:49       | 5:58       | 6:15  |
| 6:20    | 6:22               | 6:27               | 6:30               | 6:36      | 6:39   | 6:55                | 6:59       | 7:08       | 7:25  |
| 7:30    | 7:32               | 7:37               | 7:40               | 7:46      | 7:49   | 8:05                | 8:09       | 8:18       | 8:35  |
| 8:40    | 8:42               | 8:47               | 8:50               | 8:56      | 8:59   | 9:15                | 9:19       | 9:28       | 9:45  |
| 9:50    | 9:52               | 9:57               | 10:00              | 10:06     | 10:09  | 10:25               | 10:29      | 10:38      | 10:55 |
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### CSUMB Go SCHEDULE—SUNDAYS

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#### NOTES:

- <sup>1</sup> Shuttle stops for drop-off only and upon request
- <sup>2</sup> Century Theater stop is actually at the Verizon store
- CSUMB student ID required for boarding; each student may bring one guest
- No service on March 21, 22, and 23
- Intoxicated or disruptive customers will not be allowed to board
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the shuttle
- Passengers will only be allowed to board or exit the shuttle at scheduled stops
- All transportation is on a space available basis; no guarantee is made or implied that a seat will be available at any given stop at any given time.
- For ADA accommodations, call 582-3573 at least 72 hours in advance



# Cleanups go Coastal in California

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Imagine sitting down to a nice meal prepared at home or in a restaurant, and finding compressed cigarette butts in your salad. The kind we see being carelessly tossed away by a speeding driver as its glowing ashes disappear into the night.

About 60 to 80 percent of marine debris that harms the flora and fauna of the sea comes from land-based sources, as rainfall carries waste into creeks, rivers and storm drains to be inhaled or served as dinner to marine mammals and fish.

The California Coastal Cleanup is one of the largest and most important marine restoration events of the year. Hosted by the California

Coastal Commission (CCC), the volunteer based event will take place on Sep. 20 along the California Coast and inland. More than 60,000 volunteers are anticipated to help remove some 900,000 pounds of debris during this single day.

Camp Sea Lab, a Monterey-based youth education program dedicated to involving young students with marine habitats, has invited the community to help restore Seaside State beach from 9 a.m. to noon and will provide garbage bags and gloves.

The Return of the Natives Restoration Education Project (RON) will partner with the CCC and invites the community to help

clean Natividad Creek in Salinas from 9 a.m. to noon. RON is the education-and-outreach branch of the Watershed Institute of CSU Monterey Bay (CSUMB). According to their website, the organization focuses on the restoration of natural habitats by "bringing people closer to nature and nature closer to people through hands-on experience." Last year, volunteers pulled out more than 1,600 pounds of trash from Natividad Creek.

The California Coastal Cleanup day is the start of Coastweeks, a three-week period that includes family-oriented, water-related events throughout California to promote marine habitat awareness and to encourage people to think twice before serving their often reusable waste to sea life.

For more information visit:  
<http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd.html>

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## Universities Across the States Question Legal Drinking Age

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In Greek mythology, Amethyst was a young, innocent female who had never been intoxicated. On the opposite end of the spectrum was Dionysus, the god of wine, celebration and intoxication, who vowed to bring his wrath upon anyone who chose not to partake in his festivities. Amethyst soon found herself at the mercy of Dionysus.

Fast forward to the 21st century, when a new conflict has been set in motion. The Amethyst initiative, established by a group of presidents and chancellor who hail from more than 125 universities, was designed to consider the positives and negatives of the legal drinking age.

The main goal of the initiative is to change the legal drinking age from 21 to 18. Several arguments support this change, including the fact that many universities and colleges across the country have developed a subculture of alcoholics and binge drinkers. The argument is that if the drinking age were lowered to 18, the number of student-alcohol-related problems also would lower. This position assumes that as alcohol becomes readily accessible, young adults at the age of 18 would become readily responsible thereby decreasing alcohol-related problems.

The argument against the Amethyst initiative is that 18 year olds are not ready for this kind of responsibility. One of the most formidable opponents is the group Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). MADD reports sound data that the lower drinking age

may cause more fatal injuries among young adults since 21 years olds lead the nation in the most fatal collision from alcohol related accidents.

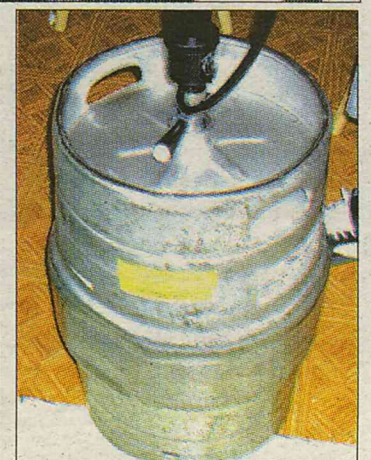
Here at CSU Monterey Bay (CSUMB), an option for students who chose to abstain from drinking is to live in substance free housing. All who live in such designated housing must go through a registration process that entails having to write two essays explaining why they wish to live there. Although the reasons may vary, all who decide to live there agree to not bring alcohol, tobacco or any other drug into the premises. The inhabitants of substance free housing may do as they wish off campus, but when they return to home, they must be free of any substance influence.

Just as there was a conflict in Greek mythology with Amethyst's pressure to drink, a related conflict arises. As the debate continues regarding the appropriate age to drink alcohol, students at CSUMB and college campuses across the country continue to await the verdict.

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# Address Change Delivers Efficiency

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While Marina Post Office lacked efficiency, sometimes waiting days to deliver mail to CSU Monterey Bay (CSUMB), Seaside Post Office has established a good rapport with the University by delivering mail in a timely manner and making the schools decision to have all of campus be a Seaside address, less difficult.

North Quad suites and apartments have joined main campus this semester with a new mailing address that ends with Seaside, 93955 instead of Marina, 93933. In addition, the street address, now 3116 Inter-Garrison Rd., is the same for all North Quad buildings. With these changes, residents and mailroom staff anticipate more efficient mail delivery for North Quad.

The campus mailroom resides in building 35, on the outskirts of campus. Here the mail is delivered from the Seaside Post Office, sorted and distributed across campus. Unfortunately, with limited student help, the small staff can only sort and deliver at a certain rate. "If we had more help, we would be more efficient," explained Kermit Stamps, mail services supervisor at CSUMB.

Even without student help, Stamps and his crew seem to be doing well with the new addresses. Building 301 resident and Human Communications senior, Patrick Foerster, who was reportedly misinformed by a roommate, gave out the wrong address and still

received a letter from out of state within a week.

While the mailroom has adopted the new addresses, students are still having trouble spreading the word. Resident of 302 and second-year business major, Ashley Thompson, explained the difficulties in changing her address for magazine subscriptions. Thompson cautions other student subscribers to email their magazines with the change of address as soon as possible.

Residential Advisor and Information Technology and Communications Design (ITCD) junior, Stephanie Barnett, feels that other than the North Quad address changes, the mail system is about the same as in years past. The system still includes letter

drop off and pick up at the boxes in each building. And, packages sent via United States Postal Service (USPS) are delivered to building 12, and students are notified by email for pick up, while packages delivered in other ways, such as by FedEx, are delivered to building 35, and students are notified by a yellow slip in their mailbox.

With all of North Quad having the same street address in Seaside, all campus mail will be delivered by one post office to the CSUMB mailroom and to student mailboxes with the hope of more ease and efficiency than in years past.

# BBC Reopens: What's Cookin' on Campus

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The Black Box Cabaret (BBC) reopened its doors on Tuesday, Sept. 2 with operating hours of 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The campus-wide favorites are back: panini sandwiches, bread-bowl soups, local baked breads and calzones. However, there is no word yet on whether or not it will continue to host weekend concerts as in previous years. The revamping of the BBC is just one of many changes that have been made to the campus' dining options since last semester.

The Dining Commons (DC) is virtually unchanged and offers the most diversity. However, there are new deli and salad stations. According to Chief District Chef Harold Jensen, the

stations were added to bring a new emphasis on fresh made-to-order items. The pizza and grill menus also have been expanded. "It's certainly adequate. Maybe a little pricey," said Teaching Credential Program senior Christa Meyers.

The Otter Express (OE) remains the main venue for quick, take-out fast food and has the lowest prices. Jensen, revealed plans to expand the OE's organic bar, allowing a much greater grab-and-go selection of healthy sandwiches, salads and more.

The Otter Bay Restaurant (OBR) has undergone the most significant changes of any eatery on campus. The lunch and dinner menus have been streamlined to include the most popular dishes from last semester, such as burgers and pasta.

A buffet is now offered between noon and 1:30 p.m. In keeping with its high quality, food prices remain expensive. The buffet, however, offers a compromise, with selections from the entire menu totaling only \$8.95.

"So far, the first two days have been popular," said OBR chef Samuel Wallace. "We just need to get more people up here."

Regardless of location or quality, rising food costs will continue to affect all four venues. "We work very closely with our vendor partners to continue to offer a great product and a very competitive price," said Jensen. "However, with the ever-changing economy, I cannot say for how long we can hold down the costs." Until then, the DC, OE, BBC, and OBR are ready to serve hungry students.

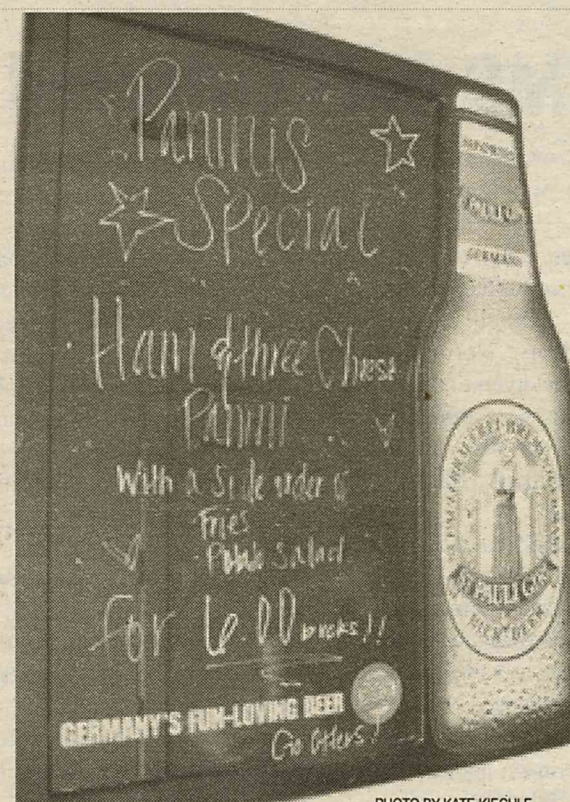
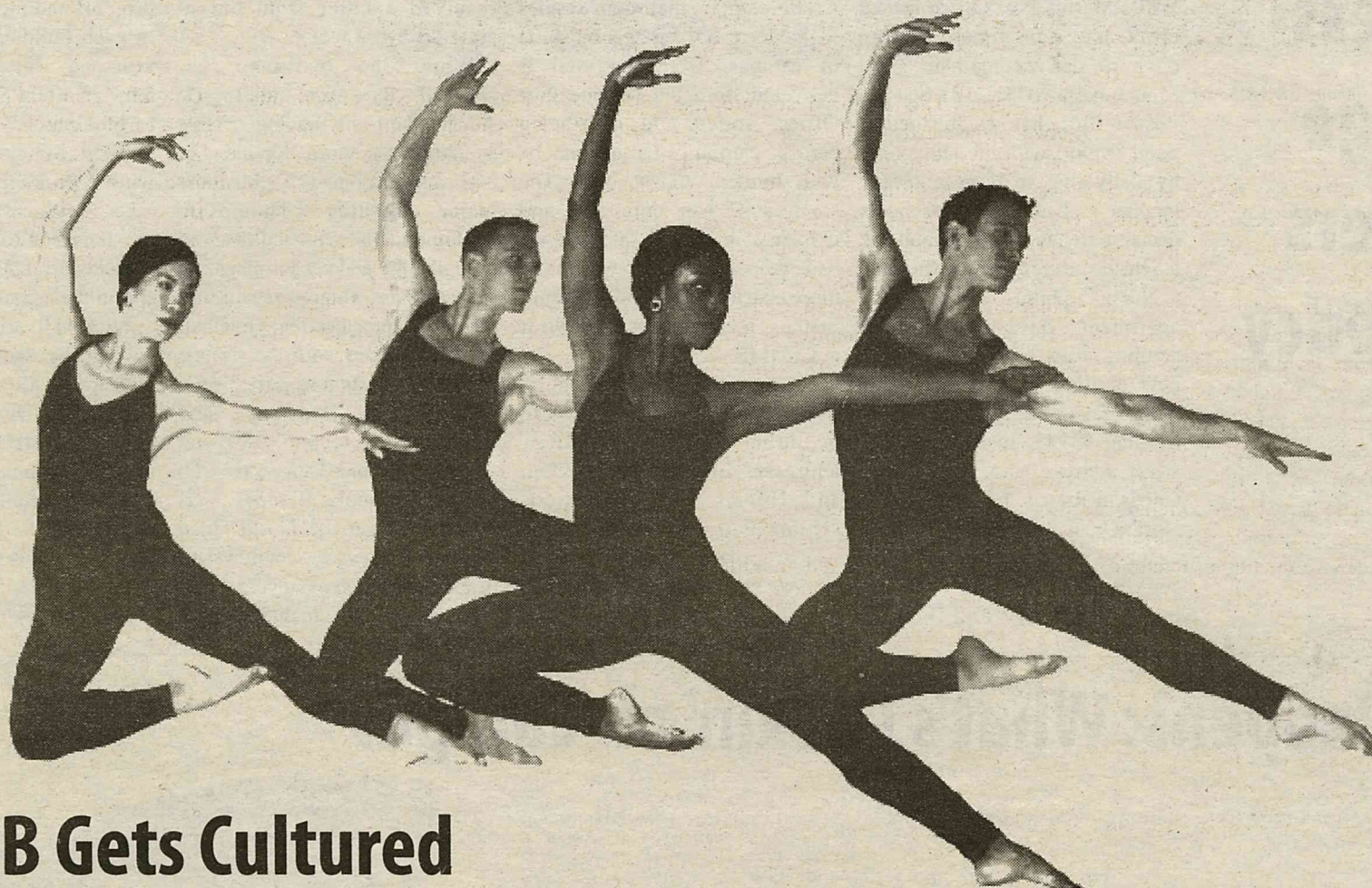


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## CSUMB Gets Cultured

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CSU Monterey Bay (CSUMB) is a university committed to offering plenty of cultural experiences to its students. Not only can students enjoy diverse cultural and artistic experiences through their classrooms, but also through a wide range of performances at the World Theater.

This year's performances promise to be one of the most dynamic in CSUMB's history. Among plenty of entertainment variety, anticipate highlights such as a musical master Stephen Schwartz. Schwartz's credits include composing musical masterpieces from popular Disney movies and Broadway shows.

Along with various musical and dance performances, this season will offer a show for the whole family. ODC Dance Company out of San Francisco will perform "The Velveteen Rabbit." Director Joseph Cardinalli said this holiday show will be presented several times, including a Saturday matinee, to give more students and families a chance to enjoy it.

Box Office Manager and Budget Analyst, Chas Croslin, who has held this position for some seven years, believes there will be plenty of differences between this year and past seasons. He said this year intends to focus on the more entertaining aspect of the performances.

"Art can be challenging and provocative and there are certainly performers this season that represent those qualities," said Croslin, "which is important in our university environment." "At the same time, all of the artists are seasoned performers with amazing talents, which makes their shows very engaging to watch," said Croslin.

With the range of shows scheduled this season, the World Theater has the ability to provide exposure to different cultures with performances like: Brasil Brazil, in which singers perform Brazilian music, and Instituto Mazatlan Bellas Artes, a Mexican dance company. This year, the World Theater will give individuals a

chance to open their eyes to a new experience through the art of music, dance and theater.

For more information:  
[worldtheater.csumb.edu](http://worldtheater.csumb.edu)

### World Theatre Showcases New Director

Joseph Cardinalli, newly appointed director of the World Theater, is excited to be back in his hometown of Monterey and taking part in something that he has had plenty of experience with and enjoys at the same time. Cardinalli said that he hopes that this year will "provide entertainment the whole family can enjoy."

Working in various areas such as San Jose, Monterey, and San Juan Bautista, Cardinalli is able to bring his theatrical background to CSUMB and make his mark on the CSUMB's World Theater reputation.

Cardinalli, who considers the "World Theater one of the front doors of the university," brings plenty of experience to the table. With theater/ performance and administrative skills, Cardinalli's business and artistic sides will be beneficial to this "great place on campus."

With the help of the new director, the World Theater will have the opportunity to allow students and others to enjoy the arts in a fresh and exciting way.



## Fort Ord Now Open: Enjoy Respectfully

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Beyond CSU Monterey Bay's rim of plastic bags, cans, shredded tires, and discarded electronic equipment, more than 50 miles of open trail crisscross 7,200 acres of wilderness known as the Fort Ord Public Lands, which are open everyday, to everyone, from dawn until dusk.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) was given authority to reintroduce what once was a military base to public use under the Fort Ord Reuse Plan of 1996. The stated goals included "educational and economic opportunities as well as environmental protection"

of the area. This required compromise between the needs of local wildlife and the financial attractiveness of a world-class stomping ground for mountain bikers, equestrians, and nature lovers. The BLM's control of Fort Ord Public Lands is ensured only as long as the BLM's management balances these needs.

The result of this compromise is a set of laws regarding public use of the area, amounting to "respect for the land, as much for humans as for the plants and animals," said Bruce Delgado, spokesperson for the BLM's Fort Ord Project Office. "The regulations are in place for a reason."

While the beauty of nature or the strange allure of dilapidated buildings

might entice a college-age crowd into skirting a red sign or scaling a marked fence, it is important to recognize that there is danger in disregarding the restrictions. Aside from the possibility of personal injury, Delgado added, is the fact that "Fort Ord is a special place in that it has a lot of rare plants and animals," some of which are not found elsewhere in the world.

Responsible use of the Public Lands is encouraged and the regulations themselves (which are available on the BLM's website) are reasonable. Unmarked and prohibited trails are to be avoided and littering is forbidden, as is harming wildlife.

Delgado also suggested that hikers keep a careful watch for both poison oak, which is quite common, and unexploded munitions, which are not.

Beyond the rigmarole of classes and weekend parties, volunteer opportunities exist for students who wish to elevate their experience with the Public Lands beyond the odd "Ording" expedition. Interested individuals should call the Fort Ord Project Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 831-394-8314.

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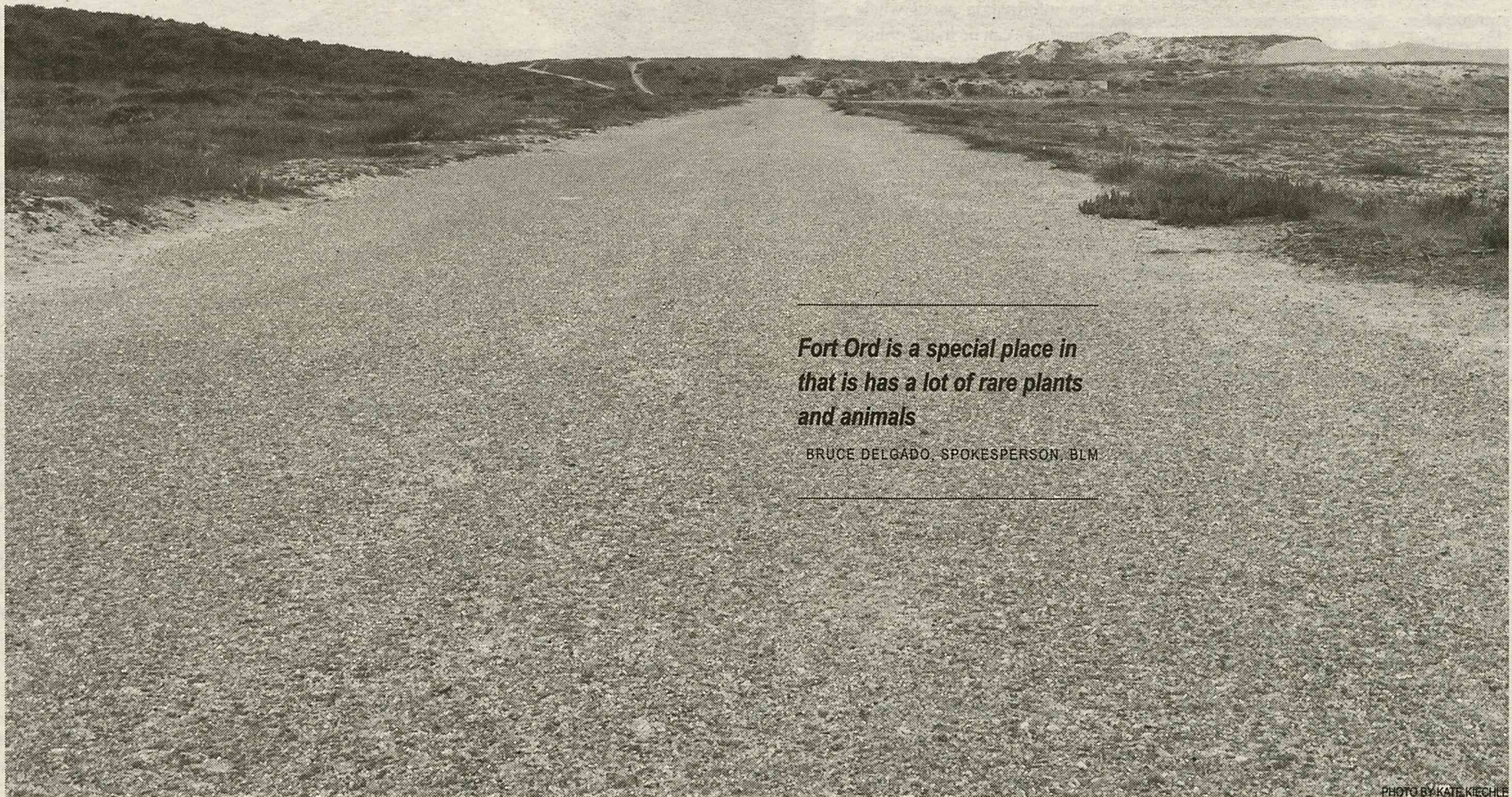


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# OR [Arts and Entertainment]

## Majestic Creatures in CSU Monterey Bay's Backyard

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Monterey Bay is home to some of California's most beautiful beaches and a magnificent array of majestic sea animals. The Bay may not be a permanent home for any particular species of whale, it is still an important migratory stop for these giants of the sea.

It comes as no surprise that a favorite activity of tourists, locals and students is to embark on a whale-watching expedition to get a rare look at these animals. Old Fisherman's Wharf, located off Del Monte Ave. in Monterey, hosts several whale watching companies that conduct daily trips year round.

Depending on the time of year, different species of whales and other animal life are visible around the Bay. "Right now, you're most likely going to see Humpback whales, which migrate through Monterey April through Dec.," said Gina Thomas, manager at Princess Monterey Whale Watching. "Sometimes you might see Blue whales or Orcas, but usually Humpback whales are the most common in the summer."

During the winter, Dec. through May, Grey whales can be spotted just off the coastline as they make their annual tour of the California coast from Alaska to Mexico and back—a trip that will cover 10,000 miles or more.

Chances are, you will see more than whales when you take a tour. A brochure from Monterey Bay Whale Watching Center provides a list and biographies of other sea creatures you might encounter, such as dolphins, sea otters and sea lions. According to Thomas, "We have four species of dolphins that frequent the Monterey Bay area. Common, Bottlenose, Risso's and Pacific White-Sided dolphins can be seen

on the whale watching trips. Whales are seen about 99 percent of the time, while dolphins are around 70 percent [of the time]." All of the tours are narrated by a marine biologist to help identify and learn about the animals cruisers may encounter.

Four different companies conduct whale watching tours: Randy's Trips, Chris's Fishing and Whale Watching, Monterey Bay Whale Watch Center and Princess Monterey. Prices vary between \$35 and \$45 for adults, and \$20 to \$35 for children, depending on the company and trip time.

More information about whale watching tours can be found online or by stopping in at any of the tour companies, all of

which are clustered at the end of the Wharf. While each company offers unique specials and pricing, all four highly recommend making reservations in advance.

Don't forget that anyone touring the Monterey Bay needs to dress as if you are exploring the Arctic. Don't let a sunny morning fool you; weather on the Peninsula can take a turn for the worse in a matter of minutes. And just as quickly, it can improve.



PHOTO BY GINA THOMAS



# Cheap Activities for Students on a Budget

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First, the bad news: textbooks, parking passes, room and board, tuition and food drain the money in a student's bank account like sand through a sieve, leaving little in the entertainment fund. Now the good news: Monterey offers an array of fun things to do that will not completely empty a wallet.

If the great outdoors suit one's fancy, consider a scenic weekend hike. A beautiful place to trek along the ocean is at Point Lobos State Reserve. Avoid the parking fee by curbing your car on the side of the road just outside of the entrance and walking into the Reserve. There, an array of tide pools, picnic areas, and incredible beaches are the explorer's to enjoy.

Garrapata State Park is another great outdoor environment about 7 miles south of Carmel off Highway One. Senior and Social and Behavioral Sciences major Amy Napoli called it her favorite place to hike because, "There are easy hikes or more challenging trails. And it's really rewarding when you make it to the top and see the view."

If a hike is not what you are looking for, the local area has many other economical options for fun and entertainment.

Walking through the local farmer's markets, you can smell the barbecue cooking, and can see the deep reds, rich green and other vivid colors of fresh local produce. The markets also feature freshly prepared food, arts and crafts and often, live entertainment.

CSU Monterey Bay sophomores Dana Grimm and Matisse Reischl, majoring in biology with an emphasis in pre med, said

of the Monterey Farmers Market, "The atmosphere here is nice and welcoming and a good place to be, everyone is friendly, and it's cheap. It is good for the local community and there are free samples."

The farmers markets closest to campus are in downtown Monterey on Alvarado Street on Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m., at Monterey Peninsula College on Fremont Street on Thursdays from 2:30 to 6 p.m., in Pacific Grove on Lighthouse Avenue Monday from 4 to 8 p.m., and in Marina on Reservation Road from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If sitting down to eat grilled salmon or prime sirloin and a movie sound better than wandering the streets, then Montrieo Bistro and the Osio Theater have a deal for you. Dinner and a movie cost just \$19.95. The meal includes two courses with an appetizer and an entrée at the Montrieo Bistro, and the movie offers

the film of your choice showing at the Osio Theater. This offer is available Thursday through Sundays. Tickets are available at Montrieo Bistro on Calle Principal, and must be acquired to begin the evening.

Perhaps Monterey's best-kept secret awaits at the library. A library card holder can waste away the afternoon with a good book, or take advantage of what is called a shelf-to-shore card. The libraries have a limited amount of passes for up to six people to get into the Monterey Bay Aquarium at no cost. The card expires after 30 days.

The Monterey area provides many inexpensive activities worth checking out. Being a college student can be expensive, but it doesn't mean having fun is out of the question.



PHOTO BY JOSH WILLIAMS

Crowds gather at the Monterey farmers market

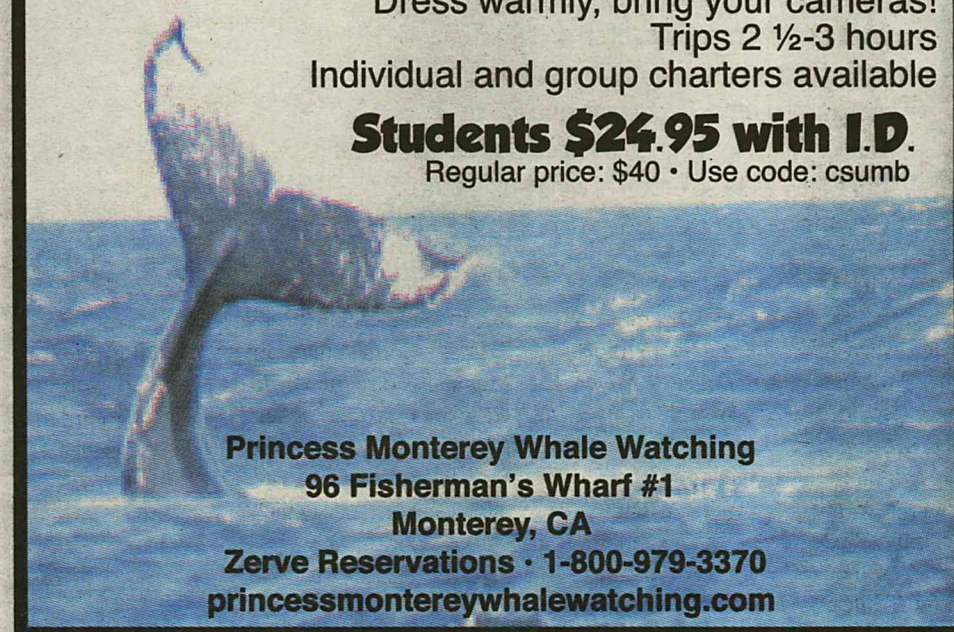
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# OR [Arts and Entertainment]

## Hey CSUMB, Get Involved!

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Students are often buried under piles of homework, readings and essays. Between work and school, it is possible to begin to believe there is no end in sight. With the fall semester officially underway, now is the time for CSU Monterey Bay (CSUMB) students to think about getting involved in one of the 45 clubs offered on campus. Clubs provide a chance for networking on campus, out in the community, and an opportunity to have an excuse for a well-deserved break.

Students who attended the club showcase on Sept. 10 may have been overwhelmed

by all the different clubs and organizations, but representatives from most, if not all, the student clubs and organizations were on hand to answer questions and register new members.

Some clubs, such as Disc Golf, Hip Hop and Martial Arts Clubs, encourage students to get up and stay active during their free time. Disc Golf Club President and Integrated Studies Special Major Senior Kenny Allison explains that Disc Golf benefits students by "providing a sport and exercise that can be enjoyed year round in a friendly community dedicated to disc golf."

Many of the clubs recognize involvement in the local community as their primary purpose.

EMPOWER, for example, is dedicated to raising awareness for women's issues and empowering women to become active in the arts.

The Gathering, according to Club President and liberal arts senior Steven Goings, is designed "to lessen some of the tensions within and between various religions and non-religious."

A number of clubs appeal to students' creativity. Photography Club enables students to explore the community while allowing creative self-expression.

CSUMB also offers a number of clubs relating to business, ethnic studies, religion, music, film, math, science, and psychology.

The activities offered through these clubs enable students to make the most of their free time while positively impacting our campus and the community through volunteer work or community projects.

Perhaps there is a hobby or interest not represented by any of the current clubs or organizations. The possibility to revive an old club or start up a new one is ever-present. Activation packets for CSUMB clubs and organizations are due on Sept. 27. For more information about any club, or to pick up the activation packet, stop by the Student Activities Office located in Building 8. They are open Monday-Friday 9a.m. to 6p.m. and Friday 9a.m. to 5p.m.

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### TUE 9/23 STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS 2-4PM, WORLD THEATRE President Dianne Harrison updates the CSUMB community on the university's accomplishments and goals for the 2008-2009 academic year.



## Academics Come First for Most Otter Athletes

### *The Art of Balancing School and Sports*

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Take a look at any college athlete's schedule, and you will find most days overflowing with class, practice, games and homework. Some even have outside jobs to fit into the program. However, it appears that CSU Monterey Bay (CSUMB) athletes truly are students first.

"I personally put my schooling first. I only have four years to play college athletics, but my education is what will help me in my future and for the rest of my life," said Junior and Kinesiology major Katelyn Bos, the Defensive Specialist for the woman's volleyball team.

Even on the road, whether it's for away games, matches or meets, many Otter athletes put their schoolwork first. Senior Forward for the woman's soccer team, Loren Schofield, also a Kinesiology major, said, "I make sure to bring my books and get [in] all the studying I can and make up any work I missed and even try to turn it in before we leave."

"When I am traveling for a sport," Bos said, "I always bring a computer with me and make a 'to do' list of all the homework assignments I have for the weekend I am gone. I also like to give my teachers a week's notice, so they can help me get the assignments for the classes I am missing."

According to Otter Athletics, student athletes operating below a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA), and freshmen are required to attend a total of three hours a week of study hall regulated by the athletic department and Academic Skills Achievement Program (ASAP). This requirement helps keep student athletes from letting their grades fall below a 2.0 GPA, being placed on Academic Probation and losing the opportunity to participate in all games and matches. However, even

struggling students are generally still allowed to participate in practices.

Understandably, some student athletes cannot handle the stress of both academics and athletics. These students are quickly identified after their first semester on the team or as soon as they start having difficulties in school. Once their cumulative GPA drops lower than a 2.0, these athletes are put on academic probation but are removed from probation once their GPA improves.

Student athletes at CSUMB strive to put their academics first, but sometimes it's easier to put off schoolwork until the last minute. Junior, Environmental Science, Technology and Policy (ESTP) major,

Alisha Friel, a former cross-country runner, knows the drill all too well. "School comes first, but since my study schedule is more flexible than my sports schedule, it is usually what gets bent a little. Pretty much when I have free time between practices and meets is when I do my schoolwork," said Friel.

Putting school first is not always the easiest thing to do. However, many Otter Athletes set their priorities early and are doing everything possible to keep up their passions and their grades, both of which are important in maintaining a balanced campus life. Thus creating an academics first mentality in a majority of student athletes.

#### **School comes first.**

ALISHA FRIEL, ESTP SENIOR

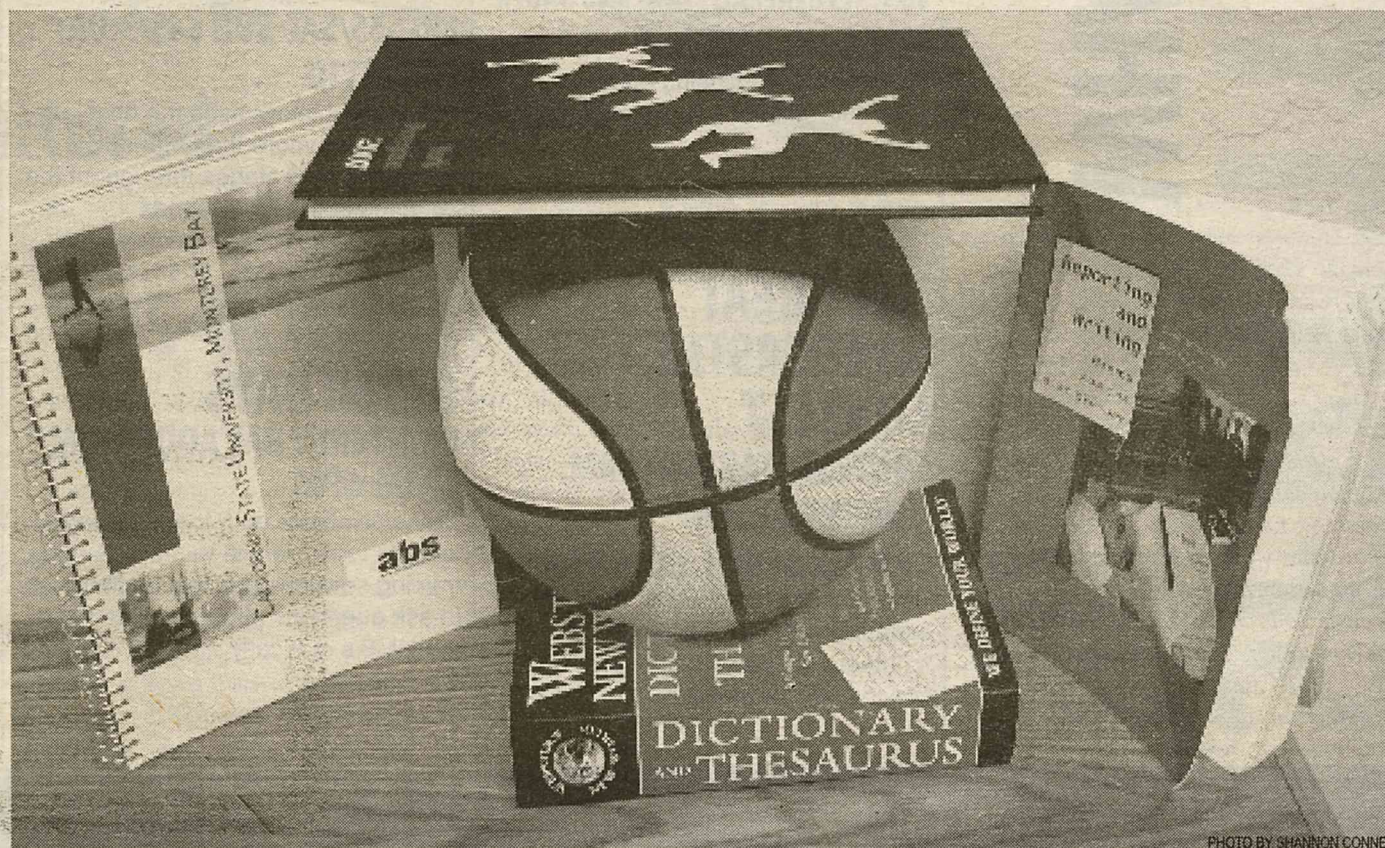


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# CSUMB Finds Connections to the Olympics: Past and Present

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If there were a job description for an Olympic athlete, it would read: Must be able to face fierce competition, perform under pressure, practice long hours, be available for travel, handle your own expenses, be able spend time away from family and friends, and accept disappointment. Only four percent of the United States population makes it to the Olympics, so the fact that CSU Monterey Bay (CSUMB) has a connection to two local Olympians is exceptional.

Junior Business major Jared Abbott is the brother of silver medalist, Monica Abbott, who pitched for the United States Softball Team this summer.

"Our mother spent long afternoons in the back yard catching Monica's throws," said Abbott, "Our parents have always been supportive of our participation in sports and there were few evenings when my parents were not cheering us on at a sporting event."

Growing up in Salinas, Jared Abbott and his four sisters played sports and were competitive with each other. Older sister Jessica was the first to play softball and Monica helped her practice. When Jessica decided to play basketball instead, Monica continued practicing and became a skilled pitcher. She competed as a member of the 2003 Junior Team and 2004 World University Team. Now attending the University of Tennessee on a full scholarship, she led the pitching staff with a 6-0 record in 2007. In 26.2 innings pitched, she issued no walks and no earned runs.

This summer, Jared traveled with his family to Beijing, China to watch his sister pitch in the Olympics. "The people of Beijing were awesome," said Jared. "If we appeared to be lost, they would ask if we needed help; they were courteous to

the extent that if we got on a crowded bus, they wanted to give up their seats."

The highlight of Jared's trip was watching his sister play at Fengtai Softball Field. "It was rewarding to see my sister achieve the dream that she had since she was eight years old, and it is an experience that I will never forget."

CSUMB head water polo coach, Gary Figueroa, also considers the Olympics an unforgettable experience, but for considerably different reasons. For Figueroa, competing in the Olympics was not a goal until he played in college. As a member of the 1980 United States water polo team, he was ready to go to the Moscow Games when the United States, along with 60 other countries, boycotted the Games in protest to the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Figueroa's reaction was frustration and disappointment. He did not compete again until 1983 and had the opportunity to play in the 1984 Summer Games in Los Angeles.

"This time, being on the team was more exciting because the games were being held in the United States," said Figueroa. "I remember participating in the opening ceremonies, wearing the U.S. costume of cowboy boots and hats."

Yugoslavia took the gold in 1984, but Figueroa's accomplishments predate the 1984 Olympics. A three-time All-American in water polo at UC Irvine (1975-76-77), he took Team USA to two gold medals in the Pan American Games. A member of the U.S. Water Polo Hall of Fame, his offensive performances remains the standard in the sport of water polo.

Despite different events and eras, the core of the Olympic athlete remains the same. Both are local examples of what can be achieved through practice, skill and a whole lot of determination.

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## Soccer Starts: Hoping for Big Games and Big Wins

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Slide tackles, amazing goals and precision passing have made their way back to CSU Monterey Bay, as the soccer season begins. This year promises to be another difficult year for both the men's and women's soccer teams. The men's team has the pressure of repeating their playoff performance, while the women are hoping to obtain a .500 winning percentage. This year will be the first time the women's team competes in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) era.

"We're in a tough conference," said Sam Campanelli, a Math junior and goal keeper for the men's team. "It's going to be interesting."

Fortunately for the Otters, the men have retained all of their goalkeeping talent; though in other positions they have not been so lucky. Losing starting forward Andrew Burkhammer during summer was a large blow to the team, as well as having many skilled seniors such as Kyle Satow unable to play, having used up his NCAA eligibility. To offset these losses, the men's soccer team loaded their roster with eight new talented freshmen.

The men's soccer team started this season's campaign in the state of Washington, playing Seattle Pacific University and Western Washington University. Although they were unable to score a goal in either game, these early games should give the team a chance to bond and prepare themselves for their upcoming California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) games.

On the other side of the field, the women's soccer team is looking to start strong and obtain a better record than they did last year. The lady Otters also have brought on board eight skilled freshmen to help counter the loss of many seniors last year. Luckily for

the team, they still have seniors such as Eva Arzola and Cassidy Bennett to assist the newcomers to the team.

This year the women's soccer team started their season with a home game against the University of Hawaii at Hilo before going to Belmont to play Notre Dame de Namur University. While both games were not victories, the lady Otters did score a goal against de Namur.

Both teams look to have great seasons, with a total of 10 home games this year, eight of which are doubleheaders. The women's team plays before the men, and admission is free to all students with their ID card and fall sticker.





# Otter WAVES

## Volleyball:

9/12 vs \*CSU San Bernardino, 7:00 p.m.  
9/13 vs \*California State Polytechnic University, Pomona,  
7:00 p.m.  
9/16 vs UC Santa Cruz, 7:00 p.m.  
9/17 vs \*San Francisco State University, 7:00 p.m.  
9/19 vs \*UC San Diego, 7:00 p.m.  
9/20 vs Notre Dame de Namur University, 7:00 p.m.

## Men's Soccer:

9/12 vs CSU Dominguez Hills, 3:00 p.m.  
9/14 vs \*UC San Diego, 2:00 p.m.  
9/19 @ \*Humboldt State University, 7:00 p.m.  
9/21 @ \*Sonoma State University, 2:00 p.m.

## Women's Soccer:

9/11 vs Central Washington University, 3:00 p.m.  
9/12 vs \*CSU Dominguez Hills, 12:20 p.m.  
9/14 vs \*University of San Diego, 11:30 p.m.  
9/19 @ \*Humboldt State University, 4:30 p.m.  
9/21 @ \*Sonoma State University, 11:30 p.m.  
9/24 vs Academy of Art University, 12:30 p.m.

## Men's and Women's Cross Country:

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[Sports]

## Athlete of the Issue: Robert Hummert



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When watching television, we notice that nearly all athletes over the height of 6'5" tend to stick to playing the "tall sports", like basketball. Players such as Yao Ming or Manute Bol from NBA days of the past, both players coming in at over seven feet, six inches. Although basketball is not for everyone, some tall men and women choose not to pursue a career shooting hoops, instead following their heart to where it takes them.

At first glance, it won't be hard to recognize this player, as he stands nearly a head taller than everyone else on the field. At seven feet tall, he is the tallest player on the CSU Monterey Bay (CSUMB) Men's soccer team, and perhaps the tallest in the California Collegiate Athletic Association.

Robert Hummert, an undeclared 20-year-old freshman who comes from Boise, Idaho, is one of the newest players to the team.

"I look up to Peter Crouch," said Hummert, enjoying the pun for Crouch, who plays for the Liverpool football team in the English Premier League, is one of the tallest players in that league.

Due to his height, there has been speculation that he should be playing basketball instead of soccer. The men's basketball team at CSUMB could use him, but it was soccer that captured Hummert's heart from a young age.

"Soccer has been my favorite [sport] ever since I was a kid," the seven foot tall freshman said. "My parents always supported me in that. Of course, like all parents, they tried to encourage me to try new sports. Some I liked: others I didn't. By the time high school came around, I was 6'7", and my parents forced me to play basketball. I dreaded it."

Despite being from Idaho, Hummert is not a fan of snow, and was looking for a change from that environment. At CSUMB he found the occasional good weather, as well as a small-school environment. "I love it here! The faculty and staff are kind and courteous, and I enjoy the learning environment," he said.

The University's acquisition of athletes like Hummert demonstrates a change in recruiting by men's soccer coach Artie Cairel. The height advantage gained by the team should enhance the ability to score more goals via a heading shot, but only time will tell.





## Sexual Healing

Small Penis Syndrome: It's All In Your Head

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Most of us know one like him: he's the little guy who drives the huge truck. The man who acts like he's God's gift to women and lets them all know it. The dude who is clearly overcompensating; the big man on campus with the small penis syndrome. Inquisitive girl that I am, I began to wonder if this unfortunate dynamic was simply a character flaw or if it had any real medical basis.

First on my track to education was UrbanDictionary.com. Despite the 82 people who gave a thumbs up to the definition of small penis syndrome as "the condition that compels men to overcompensate their lack of manhood by overachieving in other areas, bodybuilding, for example," this is incorrect. I discovered that this is actually a misunderstood anxiety disorder affecting 45 percent of men who think their "Little Buddy" is too little when in fact, it is a perfectly normal size.

Who knows when this anxiety began? Possibly a confused game of show me yours, I'll show you mine? When little boy Ben got pantsed and everyone got a look at the Not-So-Big Ben? Maybe, among the other football players during a post-practice shower? No matter when it started, small penis syndrome is the misperception of a rather important boy part that needs to be reexamined. If you know what I mean.

The average erect One-Eyed Snake is about five and a half to six inches long and about five inches in circumference at mid shaft. This is a drastic difference from the cruelly termed "micropenis," which is less than two and a half standard deviations from the average size or less than two and three-fourths inches when hard. It requires hormones and/or surgery to solve the issue at hand (as if). But rest assured boys, micropenis is a rare phenomenon, occurring in less than one percent of the male population.

Doctors are urged not to disregard men's concerns about their wanker, but rather to listen thoughtfully, as they often indicate other unresolved issues. While plastic surgeons continue to cash in on feelings of inadequacy, the best solution is education and psychotherapy.

Rest assured gentlemen, although you may fear you don't size up, British Journal of Urology International says 85 percent of women today are happy with the size of their partner's joystick. And to the other 15 percent...well ladies, I'll leave you with the sweet lyrics of the Rolling Stones. "You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you might just find you get what you need."

Or, originally recorded by the Swallows in 1951, "It ain't the meat; it's the motion." Not even kidding.

## Dorm Room Drama: Roommate or Cellmate?



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When students make that often excruciating choice to leave home and go to college, they are starting a new chapter in their life. Although college has the potential to be an exciting experience, they are faced not only with difficulties like long class hours, a constant money crunch, and deciding where to go on a Friday night, but also the great gamble of a new roommate.

In my freshman year, I requested to room with a friend from high school. So, imagine my surprise when I received the information stating an unknown name under the roommate section. Thoughts raced through my mind; whether she would be a crazed serial killer, a raging clean freak, or a room dweller. To my surprise, she was none of those.

As it turned out, my new found friend and roommate and I had a lot in common, and I continued to live with her for the next two years. In a way, she helped me come out of my shell. We did practically everything together, and I thank whatever system it was for putting us together.

Unfortunately, not all incoming

freshmen and transfer students are as lucky as I was. In some instances, roommates do not get along. While I was enjoying roommate heaven, I had a friend (who will remain anonymous) that was living in roommate hell. He and his roommate were different years in school, but that wasn't the only source of conflict between the two.

My friend's roommate was completely disrespectful towards him. Whether it was face-to-face or his behavior, his rudeness found itself in every situation, even having "company" over while my friend remained in the room. He never invited my friend to join him and never made an effort to get along. The room seemed like it belonged only to him, with merely a small space left for my friend. Needless to say, a friendship never flourished between the two and they ended up parting ways at the end of the year.

For new and returning students to CSU Monterey Bay, whether you are blessed with a great roomie or saddled with bad apple, here are some tips to make your experience much more livable: Try to spend one-on-one time with your roommate; you may have more in common than you think. Always do your part to maintain the space, and try to respect each other's routines and requests. Finally, just have fun together. You may not become best friends, and you won't necessarily live together next year, but who knows? You might get lucky and find your roomie is one of the best parts of your college experience.



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### Dear Otter Nation,

The Otter Realm (OR) staff hopes that the first weeks back to CSU Monterey Bay (CSUMB) have been a smooth transition for you. By now you are settled into your "bar-racks" and have had a chance to pick up the back to school issue. Hopefully, you found something in it that was interesting and informative. The OR staff learns the craft of journalism by "hands-on experience," so questions, requests or complaints from our readers are welcome at [otterrealm@csumb.edu](mailto:otterrealm@csumb.edu)

Along with our new staff advisor Lisa Watson, and Editor-in-Chief Ricky Welsheimer, the Otter Realm website is also in the process of being updated and soon will have a brand new look. If you are one of the many who prefer to go online to catch late breaking news and up to date announcements, keep your eyes out for a renovated digital version of the CSUMB paper.

If students want to be a part of the Otter Realm without enrolling in the class, HCOM 389, there is a club on campus which allows students from all concentrations to contribute to the paper. As a club member, students are allowed to be present during the pitch meetings, write articles and critique the paper.

Lastly, thank you for supporting the Otter Realm. Our goal is to turn out an informative paper that is relevant to students at CSUMB and throughout the community. We also want to acquaint new and returning students with events and activities that take place in this area.

Sincerely, Elaine Schumacher, Staff Reporter

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•Volleyball Breaks in New Court

## Otter Oops

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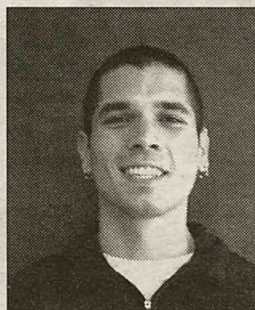
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## College Student IOI: *Patriotism: The Endless Merry-go-Round*



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I am a 21-year-old college student, and I am constantly questioning whether or not I should be proud of my country. I assume much of America does the same, creating somewhat of a merry-go-round for everybody.

When it comes to patriotism, this country has seen its fair share of ups and downs. Despite this, we always seem to find our "pride" during the aftermath of a tragedy. Several times in the United States history, the country has come together; President John F. Kennedy's assassination, the Pearl Harbor attack, the 1986 space shuttle disaster, the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and, most recently, Hurricane Katrina, to name a few.

Why is it that we are so quick to put up our flag in the front yard after a disaster? Is it because we are scared or is it because we remember why we love our country? When I think back to the 9/11 attacks, I can remember how this country mourned and then came together. It seemed as if we were whole. When I walked down streets, I was grateful to be able to smell the flowers and feel the wind on my face. I was

proud to be part of a country that would not fall.

Now, our country seems to be falling, and patriotism is going down with it. We're stuck in a war that has torn the country, the economy is somewhere between a recession and a collapse, people are losing their houses and prized possessions daily. Do we really wonder why patriotism is on the down slope? Now, when I walk around, the flowers smell different; the wind hits me awkwardly, and I question my future.

We stand by our country in the good times and often resent it in the bad ones.

I looked up the definition of patriotism and found this; one who is proud or devoted or loyal to the country they were born in or became a citizen of. I have written a following statement, deleted and written and then deleted again, trying to figure out what I want to say next. What it comes down to is that although I may sometimes wonder if I'm proud of my country, I will always be devoted to it.

And this is why. The United States is a country where you're allowed to say whatever you want, where you're able to vote for the people who are going to run it; where, if you put your mind and dedication to it, the opportunities are endless. Of course, we have our problems; but who doesn't?

I'm grateful to be an American. So if you're wondering if my flag will be up for the seven-year anniversary of 9-11, you can count on it.

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"No...I don't think about it. I'm from Hawaii and half of the population doesn't even believe we should be part of the U.S.; I feel for the victims, but it doesn't hit me as hard as it might."

**-Kamalikuono Hanohano,**  
*Business, Freshman*



"I still think of it. I feel such empathy for the victims. I'm really frustrated with many Americans because people don't reflect on it. The only thing people like to observe are national holidays when you get work off."

**-Andrew Kramer,** *Information Technology and Communication Design, Senior*



"I do... 'cuz I'm American. My heart goes out to the firefighters that lost their lives and the victims of the tragedy."

**-Josh Britt,** *Biology/Pre-Med, Freshman*



"On the anniversary, I always take a moment in respect for the people who worked and died in the tragedy. I hope that the U.S. will recover and get back on its feet."

**-Maria Osorio,** *Business, Sophomore*

**Do you still  
think of 9/11  
and, if so, how  
does it affect  
you today?**



"I do think about it, partially because of the media coverage. 9/11 has affected travel so much: security policies have changed what it is to travel. But I don't think about it from an emotional perspective."

**-Alejandrina Ponce,** *Business, Junior*

## Piper's Predictions

by Piper Waters

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan.19)**

You feel alone. You feel like you're on your own, but you aren't. Sometimes the most unexpected people are right there when you need them...look around.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb.18)**

You are soul-searching right now and longing for real people to come into your life. I hope, when the right people show up on your doorstep, you'll be waiting with open arms...be open right now.

**Pieces (Feb. 19-Mar.20)**

One thing that each human may have in common with one another is a disdain for waiting. No one likes to wait. At this time, however, you are meant to be patient. Rest assured you will have a pleasant outcome if you don't rush things now...patience.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)**

These lyrics can best describe you Aries, "You walked into the party like you were walking onto a yacht. Your hat strategically dipped below one eye. Your scarf it was apricot. You had one eye on the mirror as you watched yourself gavage." You're so vain; that's how others perceive you now... help them understand your vanity is simply confidence. (Lyrics by Carly Simon- *You're So Vain*)

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**

Many are flocking to you right now; you are the center of attention. It must be that positive energy radiating from you, something that many lack...You, my dear, do not.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)**

You need to shape up your attitude and control your mood swings. Others find it unattractive and only can deal with it for so long. Frequent outburst from you can cause a big rift in a friendship...beware, be aware.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)**

Your loving nature tends to make you fall easily for others. You love the idea of love, and in the coming weeks you'll need to weed out the people who don't have your best intentions at heart...discretion is your new lover.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**

You definitely need your level head right now due to the many projects coming your way. One part of you wants to run wild and enjoy yourself, but it's time to buckle down and get down to work...it'll pay off.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

Happy Birthday, Virgo! This is a time for you to really build your networking and discover new friendships. You're feeling very social and branching out into different groups...keep mingling!

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

Remember the story about The Little Engine that Could? Well use that motto in the coming weeks, "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can..." Except put a little spin on it, "I think I can I think I can... I know I can."

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

Your fiery nature is something you cannot hide nor should you. However, right now it can cause turbulence in any relationship in your life. Learn to be more flexible and understanding...the results will be revealing.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

You won't stand for someone to hold you down. Make sure this isn't being confused with you holding yourself back from something amazing. What are you resisting? And, more importantly...why?



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## SUDOKU

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Each Sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square.

